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SUBJ: FRENCH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO FTAI

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1. WE HAVE DELAYED RESPONDING TO REF A IN THE HOPE THAT MORE SOLID INFORMATION ABOUT FRENCH INTENTIONS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO POST-INDEPENDENCE FTAI WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF THE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS NOW GOING ON IN PARIS. SO FAR, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT FIGURES ARE ACTUALLY UNDER DISCUSSION. THUS WE PROVIDE BELOW THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON CURRENTLY PROJECTED AID, WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE ACTUAL LEVEL WILL DEPEND PRIMARILY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOF AND THE GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL RESULT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN DJIBOUTI NOW SCHEDULED FOR LATE APRIL. IF IT IS ASSUMED THAT FRENCH PLANS FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION ARE FULFILLED, ASSISTANCE AT ABOUT THESE LEVELS CAN BE EXPECTED; SHOULD THERE NOT BE THAT SORT OF TRANSITION, FRENCH ASSISTANCE WILL DIMINISH.

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2. THE DRAFT 1977 BUDGET FOR FRANCE'S TOM PROVIDES 26.7 MILLION FRANCS IN DIRECT "FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL" SUPPORT TO THE FTAI AND AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILLION FRANCS TO THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. WE DO NOT HAVE A BREAKDOWN OF THESE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BUT UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAJOR PORTION OF

FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT WILL BE USED TO FUND
APPROXIMATELY 130 EXPATRIATE OFFICIALS WHO WILL
CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED AFTER INDEPENDENCE AND TO
SUPPORT EDUCATION, HEALTH AND EQUIPMENT PROGRAMS.

3. THE QUESTION OF MILITARY FUNDING WILL DEPEND ON
THE NATURE OF THE MILITARY COOPERATION AGREEMENT, IF
ANY, SIGNED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND THE GOF. THE
CURRENT SITUATION HARDLY JUSTIFIES OUR HAZARDING ANY
GUESSES ON THIS SCORE.
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